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City of Gardner's Water Wins an Excellent Taste Award

The City of Gardner is proud to announce the receipt of the "Best Tasting Water in Kansas" award by the Kansas Rural Water Association for 2007. Mike Howard, the City's Water Manager stated his enthusiasm about receiving this award and added, "The City's is committed to providing clean and safe drinking water that is continually demonstrated in our ongoing capital improvement programs." Mayor Carol Lehman indicated that she is thrilled to receive recognition of the City's efforts to provide excellent tasting and safe drinking water. "The City Council emphasis on capital improvements has paid off, as well as the dedication of our Water Division personnel with the recognition of our great tasting water by the Kansas Rural Water Association", stated Mayor Lehman.

In 2005-2006, the City expanded its Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant from 2 million to 4 million gallons per day and installed the most up to date technology for the production of safe drinking water. The City also provides continual maintenance of its underground infrastructure with a waterline replacement program that is funded at \$500,000 annually. Replacement of aging lines improves the quality of the water and as well as system pressure. In 2007, the City will replace an aging 6 inch main along Main Street from Center to Poplar Street with a new 12 inch main that will help balance system pressure in the area and reduce maintenance. The City will also bring online a new Water Tower near 159th Street and Kill Creek Drive that will provide additional water storage for the community.

As a reminder, the City would also like to encourage conservation of water, which is essential in the Kansas City region, by requesting that residents and business use an odd/even water schedule. Odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered days and even numbered houses on even numbered days. Your help in conserving water throughout the upcoming summer is appreciated!